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MONTANA ELEMENTARY SCIENCE TEACHING
IS TO RECEIVE BIG BOOST FROM UM, NSF

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The teaching of elementary science in Montana is expected to receive a big boost this winter with augmentation by the University of Montana of a 15 station in-service institute for elementary teachers and supervisors of biology.

James W. Cox, UM assistant professor of chemistry and education, who directs the institute, said the institute is designed to improve the science background of elementary teachers needing science training.

It will be operated for 15 weeks from February to May 1967 under a NSF grant of \$28,000, which pays for tuition, fees, books and travel expenses for participants.

The program is not a methods course, but will deal with basic concepts within the subject matter of biology and the laboratory work will have direct value for use in the elementary classroom, according to Cox.

All the institute staff members are outstanding high school and college biology teachers with a minimum of a masters degree preparation.

The program offers three University undergraduate or graduate credits which can be applied to certificate renewal, salary advancement or advanced degrees.

Elementary teachers and supervisors--kindergarten through grade six--from public, private or religious institutions will be eligible providing they make application before the Dec. 10 deadline. Participants will be selected because of current responsibility for science teaching or supervision, apparent career committment, lack of science background, demonstrated leadership and academic aptitude, according to Cox.

Inquiries may be directed to Cox at the University in Missoula or to any one of the 15 extension sites across Montana. The sites, staff and staff addresses are ANACONDA--

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